

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action, claims 1-37 were pending. Claims 1-7, 15-21, and 27-37 were rejected. Claims 8-14, and 22-26 are allowed.

In this response, claims 1, 4, 6-7, 15, 20-21, and 28-37 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2, 5, 16, 18, and 27 have been amended to depend from one of the allowed independent claims 8 and 22, leaving all pending claims allowable. While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims that were objected to.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.


Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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